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Dear Joshua,

I am writing to you once again asking for advice and help. You will remember how Syd, you and I discussed the possibility of Wright coming to us and how, after some doubts and hesitations, I agreed to provide an opening for him. It came somewhat as a surprise to me that subsequent to this Syd arranged for a job in his Department for Wright and offered him alternatives in Canberra and Melbourne. Syd advised Wright to accept the Canberra offer, but seeing how little Wright knows about us, it is not surprising that he accepted the Melbourne one.

After months in which we did nothing to fill our post since we had firmly relied on Wright being only too anxious to accept it, we are now left without anyone even in sight and I should like to ask you once again whether you can think of anyone else who might be willing and suitable to come to us.

We are still thinking of either of two alternatives - a post-Ph.D. younger worker for, say, a three-year period, or a senior man for any period that might be agreed upon.

We are preparing to advertise the former position - the more senior one would not need to be advertised - and I am enclosing a copy of the draft advertisement which may be convenient for you to have in thinking of, and perhaps in writing to, people who might come to mind.

I hope you had a pleasant trip home and send you and your wife warm greetings.

Yours ever,

(0.H. Frankel)

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